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**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL (37 CFR. § 1.53(b))**  
(Regular application claiming priority of a provisional)

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Sir: This is a request for filing a patent application under 37 CFR. § 1.53(b) in the name of inventors:  
**Steven J. Visco, Bruce D. Katz, Yevgeniy S. Nimon, and Lutgard C. De Jonghe**

For: **PROTECTED ACTIVE METAL ELECTRODE AND BATTERY CELL STRUCTURES WITH NON-AQUEOUS INTERLAYER ARCHITECTURE**

Assigned to: PolyPlus Battery Company

Priority of U.S. provisional application No. 60/542,532 filed on February 6, 2004 and U.S. provisional application No. 60/548,231 filed on February 27, 2004 are claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

☐ Amend the specification by inserting after the title the sentence: "This application claims priority of U.S. provisional application No. filed on which is hereby incorporated by reference."

**Application Elements:**

- ☒ **39** Pages of Specification, Claims and Abstract  
☒ **07** Sheets of formal Drawings  
☐ Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney  
☒ Separate Declaration

**Accompanying Application Parts:**

- ☐ Do not publish this application. Nonpublication Request is attached.  
☐ Assignment and Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet (recording fee of \$40.00 enclosed)  
☐ Separate Power of Attorney by Assignee  
☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement by Assignee  
☐ Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449  
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Claim For Foreign Priority

☐ Priority of \_\_\_\_\_ Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.

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☐ The certified copy has been filed in prior application U.S. Application No. \_\_\_\_\_

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Fee Calculation (37 CFR § 1.16)

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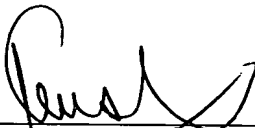
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